

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending. Claims 1-22 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 34 is amended. Claims 35-44 are new.

Claim Amendments

Claim 34 is amended to improve clarity and readability. New claims 35-44 each depend from one of the elected claims 23-34. In similar fashion to claim 34, these new claims recite a saddle comprising a saddle tree of a base claim in the elected claim group. Therefore, applicant submits that claims 35-44 read on the elected group of claims. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

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